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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY (TCWP) DISCUSSION
OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR LDC'S IN MTN.

1. SUMMARY. AT ONE-DAY MEETING JAN 17, TCWP REAFFIRMED
IMPORTANCE OF QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL TRADE BENEFITS FOR
LDC'S TO SUCCESS OF MTN, BUT FELT IT WAS MUCH TOO EARLY FOR
TCWP OR TC TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF QUESTION AT THIS STAGE.
END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS
FOR LDC'S TO SUCCESS OF MTN, TCWP FELT IT WAS MUCH TOO EARLY
TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF QUESTION FOR FOLLOWING
REASONS: (A) NEED TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF DEFENSIVE SOLIDARITY
BY GROUP B WHICH COULD LEAD TO UNCTAD-LIKE GROUP CONFRON-
TATIONS AND RISK ENDING UP AT LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR
OF BENEFITS FOR BOTH SIDES; (B) RECOGNITION OF NEED TO SEE
HOW NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING BEFORE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
TO DETERMINE WHAT SORT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS MIGHT BE
CONSIDERED BY DCS ACTING INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY; (C)
RECOGNITION OF FACT THAT ENERGY SITUATION AND COMMODITY
PRICE BOOM WOULD HAVE DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT ON TRADE AND
ECONOMIES OF DCS AND LDCS WHICH IN TURN WOULD AFFECT POSSI-
BILITIES, NEEDS AND ATTITUDES OF PARTICIPANTS IN MTN.
GROUP EXPRESSED STRONG NEED FOR ANALYSIS OF RAPIDLY
CHANGING STRUCTURE OF WORLD ECONOMY INCLUDING IMPACT ON
TRADE PATTERNS AND TRADE FLOWS. THESE ANALYSES WOULD BE
USEFUL TO TC IN CONSIDERING IMPLICATIONS FOR TRADE POLICY AND
SUBSEQUENTLY TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN CONSIDERING QUESTION
OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR LDCS IN MTN. SECRETARIAT
ANALYSES ARE PROCEEDING AT GOOD PACE AND USEFUL BODY OF
MATERIAL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TC INFORMATION BY THE END JAN.
SOME DELS INDICATED THEY MIGHT WISH TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS BRIEFLY IN COURSE OF TC OFF-THE-RECORD
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POLICY (USOECD 0771)

3. SEVERAL DELS THOUGHT THAT QUESTIONS OF GSP, NON-RECIPROCITY
AND NON-DISCRIMINATION MIGHT USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED IN OECD
AT FUTURE DATE, BUT ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLY MORE IS KNOWN
ABOUT COUNTRY POSITIONS IN MTN.

4. VIEWS OF INDIVIDUAL DELS OF SOME INTEREST WERE: FRENCH DEL, WHILE ADAMANT ABOUT AVOIDING POSITION OF DEFENSIVE SOLIDARITY, DID NOT CLOSE DOOR ON POSSIBILITY OF OECD CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS AS NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSED, PROVIDED SUCH CONSULTATIONS SEEMED NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE. JAPANESE DEL POINTED TO PROFOUND STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION TAKING PLACE IN WORLD ECONOMY AND SAID NEW SITUATION MIGHT SUGGEST DIFFERENTIATED APPROACH TO LDCS IN TRADE FIELD DEPENDING UPON HOW THEY WERE AFFECTED BY ENERGY SITUATION AND COMMODITY PRICE BOOM. GERMAN DEL SUGGESTED OECD COUNTRIES NOT BE TOO TIMID ABOUT ACTING IN CONCERT SINCE LDCS WERE ALREADY DOING SO. NORWEGIAN DEL, SUPPORTED BY SWEDE, SUGGESTED SECRETARIAT PREPARE BRIEF NOTE FOR TC SUMMARIZING MAIN POINTS OF TCWP DISCUSSION. US AND EC COMMISSION DELS EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR BRIEF ORAL SUMMARY BY TCWP CHAIRMAN AND OPPOSED PREPARATION OF SUMMARY NOT BY SECRETARIAT. GROUP AGREED ON ORAL REPORT BY CHAIRMAN TO TC AND LEFT QUESTION OF NOTE TO DISCRETION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT. PROSPECT IS FOR BLAND NOTE OR NO NOTE AT ALL. BROWN

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